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SUBJECT: ADB REVIEW MISSIONS TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT OF ADB DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS AT JUNE 22 MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONCERNING REVIEW MISSIONS TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM:

QUOTE: ON WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH OF JUNE, A COMBINED BANK
MISSION TRAVELLED TO VIETNAM TO PREPARE FOR THE
REACTIVATION OF FOUR PROJECTS SUSPENDED IN 1975. THE
PROJECTS ARE THE BINH DINH IRRIGATION PROJECT (VIE-88),
THE GO CONG PIONEER AGRICULTURAL PROJECT (VIE-170), THE
TAN AN INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL PROJECT (VIE-207), AND
THE SAIGON WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT (VIE-139/140).

- THE MISSION WAS RECEIVED IN HANOI AND TALKS WERE
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CONDUCTED WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THE STATE BANK AND THE TWO
EXECUTING AGENCIES, THE MINISTRY OF WATER CONSERVATION AND
THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION. THE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED
ITS KEEN INTEREST IN REACTIVATION OF ALL FOUR PROJECTS AND
PROMISED ITS FULL COOPERATION IN ASSISTING WITH THE WORK
OF THE BANK MISSIONS. THE MISSIONS REMAINED IN HANOI UNTIL
TUESDAY, THE 13TH WHEN THEY PROCEEDED TO BINH DINH AND

SUBSEQUENTLY TO HO CHI MINH CITY. AT THIS TIME, I RELINQUISHED LEADERSHIP OF THE MISSIONS TO DR. TAKASE AND MR. OBRIST AND RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS, AFTER BRIEFING THE WATER SUPPLY ENGINEER WHO WAS TO JOIN THE MISSION IN HO CHI MINH CITY.

- THE MISSION WILL CONTINUE ITS FIELD DISCUSSIONS AND STUDIES UNTIL SATURDAY, THE 24TH OF JUNE WHEN THEY WILL RETURN TO HANOI FOR DISCUSSIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND THE VARIOUS CHANGES WHICH MAY BE NEEDED IN THE LOAN DOCUMENTS. THE MISSIONS WILL RETURN TO MANILA ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH OF JUNE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MANAGEMENT; AND THE MISSION LEADERS AND COUNSEL WILL RETURN FOR HANOI FOR FINAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE WEEK FROM THE 5TH TO THE 12TH OF JULY.

- PRELIMINARY CALCULATIONS OF COSTS FOR THE THREE IRRIGATION PROJECTS INDICATED A POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO OBTAIN EARLY CO-FINANCING COMMITMENTS FOR THIS AMOUNT.

- IN ADDITION, THE MISSION WILL UNDERTAKE SOME FACT-FINDING FOR TWO FOLLOW-ON IRRIGATION PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY THE VIETNAM AUTHORITIES. THESE PROJECTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BUILD ON THE BASIS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE THREE PILOT PROJECTS. THE GOVERNMENT AFFIRMED VERY STRONGLY THAT IT PLACES THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE.

- DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF ONSTRUCTION ALSO RE-AFFIRMED THE PRIORITY OF THE SAIGON WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT. A REVIEW OF POPULATION PROJECTIONS AND DESIGN STANDARDS INDICATED THAT THE EXPANSION OF THE SYSTEM PROPOSED IN 1973 WAS STILL NEEDED.

- IT APPEARED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT ALREADY COMMITTED THERE MAY BE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCING ON AN INTERIM BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION DOLLARS. INQUIRIES ARE BEING MADE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERIM CO-FINANCING TO THE AMOUNT OF 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. UNQUOTE. WESTCOTT

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